

Michigan Guaranty Agency Default Aversion Symposium III

“A Holistic Approach to Default Aversion”

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Keynote Speakers

Mary Stuart Hunter

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for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition



As Director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina, Mary Stuart Hunter's work centers on providing educators with resources to develop personal and professional skills while creating and refining innovative programs to increase undergraduate student learning and success.

Ms. Hunter has become interested in the intersection between student success and loan default prevention over the past year as she has worked with staff of various statewide guaranty agencies, as well as several people in the U.S. Department of Education.



Justin Draeger

Assistant Director for Communications
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The Power of Dynamic Thinking – Reaching Across Boundaries in Default Aversion

Understanding the principles of dynamic thinking helps us link to different people and organizations to effectuate better default aversion results. Sometimes it's easy to see how changes in *Step A* affect *Step B*, but how do changes in *Part A* effect *Part Z*? In this discussion we'll talk about dynamic versus static thinking and map out a student's collegiate career to find out if there are "impact points" where financial aid administrators – in tandem with others in and outside higher education – can promote successful student loan repayment.